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1. Rumors to the effect that sizeable numbers of HVA trainees have been transferred to Czechoslovakia and Poland in order to undergo training in areas removed from public observation are completely unfounded. No HVA trainees have been sent outside the DDR, nor is such a move being considered.
2. Since the return in the fall of 1950 of the last group of trainee officers from the USSR, and up to 8 June 1951, no officers of the HVA have been sent to the USSR to attend courses of military instruction. Judging by precedent, officers of the Hauptverwaltung der Deutschen Volkspolizei dispatched to the Soviet Union would have to be processed through the HVA; this has not taken place.
3. The bridge construction training unit of the HVA is located in Kichensee. Its commanding officer is Kommandeur Otto Fräsdorf, former deputy chief of Abteilung Ausbildung, Hauptabteilung Stab, under Inspekteur Joane. The unit comprises elements of the First and Second Special Kommandos (bridge construction) formerly located in Kirchmüser and Kichensee, respectively. Kichensee has contributed one company to this merger, the balance of its personnel having been transferred to Fünfichen, Mecklenburg, to form the nucleus of a road construction unit under Oberst Kiferl. Kiferl was previously in command of the Second Special Kommando and before that assignment had been a member of Abteilung Inspektion of the HVA under Chefinspekteur Zorn.
4. There have been no large-scale transfers of Soviet-made material to the HVA since "Aktion Olga" in the summer of 1950. [redacted] the following incident an apt illustration of the scarcity of Soviet infantry weapons intended for the HVA: In early June 1951, Colonel Koniakov, infantry specialist on Major General Sakarov's staff, objected to the wording of the draft of the training program for the third training phase, because the code designation "100", denoting Soviet origin, had been appended to all infantry weapons mentioned therein. Koniakov noted that such wording would create the erroneous impression that all training activities will be dependent on Soviet equipment. This, he stated, is not so, because there is not enough Soviet equipment to go around, and use would have to be made of limited available stocks. \*
5. A published description of the engine of the T-34 contained in a technical manual (Werkblatt) put out by Fach-Abteilung C (Armored Training) has been titled "Dieselmotor", although it is a literal translation of the corresponding Soviet manual on the T-34. Lt. Col. Slitchkov, armored warfare expert on Major General

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Makarov's staff, approved the issue after it had been proved to his satisfaction that it contained no open reference to the T-34.

6. According to Inspekteur Weiss, who heads the anti-aircraft school in Pinnow, no arms had been issued to the school as of the beginning of June 1951. For this reason all training activities had to be confined to theoretical classroom exercises.
7. Although the over-all results of examinations given to test the proficiency of HVA personnel at the end of the first training phase have been described as "satisfactory", the sub-standard performance of junior officers graduated last year had to be improved by establishing special training courses within the framework of the normal HVA training program. Attendance at these courses is mandatory for all officers not assigned to T/O slots.
8. The program for the third and final training phase provides for joint exercises between the various arms (infantry, artillery, and armor) to be undertaken in reinforced company strength, the normal composition of which is one infantry company, one heavy machine gun platoon, one armored platoon (three tanks), one anti-tank platoon (three guns), and one mortar platoon. Although not stated in the training program, such exercises may be extended to Kommando (battalion) level toward the end of the third training phase.
9. All training courses for schools and Bereitschaften are scheduled to terminate on 15 November 1951.
10. Confirmation has been received of the appointment of Major General Makarov to succeed Major General Petrakovsky. According to Oberst Pfeiffer, chief interpreter of Hauptabteilung Stab, Petrakovsky, upon his return to the USSR, was placed in command of a corps area. Makarov is directly subordinate to General Chuikov.
11. The Abteilungen Operativ und Organisation have not been merged. Sub-section "Special Occurrences" is not charged with any intelligence activities. In contradistinction to Inspekteur Markert's Section z.o. v., representing the Ministry of State Security and linked with the VPD's through an independent reporting channel running directly from the liaison officers to Section z.h.V., Sub-section "Special Occurrences" obtains its information through normal command channels.\*\*
12. Abteilung Information, believed to have been a newspaper clipping service, which selected Western press comments on East German rearmament, no longer exists. Its former chief, Kommandeur Ludwig, is at present minister of justice of Land Mecklenburg. Inspekteur Prässler, former deputy to Ludwig, is now in charge of the construction section (Bau-Abteilung) of Hauptabteilung Intendantur. His offices are in the central supply depot at Berlin-Friedrichsfelde.
13. Inspekteur Reyher, deputy general to the chief of staff, is believed to hold a position of minor importance. In all matters of discipline he is the military superior of enlisted personnel assigned to HVA headquarters. In addition he heads the HVA Guard and Motor Transport Battalions.
14. Effective 1 January 1951, the Arms and Equipment Section, headed by Kommandeur Bartsch, was removed from Hauptabteilung Intendantur and subordinated to Fach-Abteilung B (Artillery Training), whose chief is Kommandeur Gönfert. This section is in complete control of all weapons and equipment belonging to the HVA. It is furthermore responsible for the weapons specialists' training school and Central Weapons Repair Shop at Dobrilugk, Brandenburg. \*\*\*
15. All Bereitschaften are uniformly organized. Each infantry Kommando has one signal and one engineer platoon. All Bereitschaften have a signal section. There are no Bereitschaften in which this section is missing or in which there is instead an infantry field howitzer section. The support functions of the old German Infanterie Geschütz Kompanie (I.G.), also known as the Fourteenth Company, have been taken over by the Fifth Special Section, the mortar section.\*\*\* The Fifth Company (mortar) is composed of two platoons. The function of the Fourth Company (heavy machine gun) is to render heavy weapons support to the infantry battalion of which it is a part. It thus has the same function as did the fourth machine gun company in a German infantry battalion. The normal tactical commitment calls for the breaking up and, in strength of one platoon per company, the attachment of the Fourth Company to infantry companies. Each platoon is equipped with two heavy machine guns.

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16. No steps have been taken to re-activate intermediate headquarters (Leitstellen) between the HVA and the VPD's. It is reported, however, that there is a need for such headquarters and that they will, in all probability, be reestablished once sufficient personnel has become available to staff them adequately.
17. There has been no installation of separate supply dumps for the individual Bereitschaften. As of 1 June 1951, all supplies were centrally stored at the Central Supply Depot in Berlin-Friedrichsfelde, from where they are issued to the various Objekte.
18. To date there have been no joint Soviet-German maneuvers and no such maneuvers are being contemplated since the existing training programs do not allow for them. It is also reported that there is no military training program for the FDJ involving HVA personnel.

19. The lack of sufficient cantonments and training areas continues to hamper the activities of the HVA. Some of the Bereitschaften are so restricted that it is impossible to conduct field exercises in platoon strength, and only a few units have training areas large enough to enable them to conduct exercises in reinforced company strength. No such restriction, however, exists in the summer camps, which underscores the importance of this arrangement.

20. It has been suggested that current and previous dismissals of HVA personnel (and members of other police branches) were undertaken according to a pre-conceived system deliberately designed to train a maximum number of personnel by means of a rotation policy, in the same manner in which the old Reichswehr endeavored to circumvent the restriction of the Versailles Treaty. [ ] denies that, as far as the HVA is concerned, there has been a deliberate policy of encouraging resignations, except for such reasons as political instability and having relatives in the West, which the HVA considers grounds for mandatory dismissal. In anticipation of a wave of demobilization at the end of the three-year period for which many of the original HVA members were recruited, the Polit/Kultur apparatus has been sparing no effort to instill the soldiers with a sense of deep responsibility vis à vis the HVA, the SED, and the workers of the DDR who have contributed so liberally to their training. Officers in particular have been told that their insistence upon contractual rights betrays ideological weakness.

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21. New uniforms, in numbers unknown [ ] are ready for issue. According to Kommandeur Batter, who heads the Uniform Section of Hauptabteilung Intendantur, the color is "Czech Khaki".

22. The following personnel changes have been reported:

Effective 1 June 1951, Kommandeur Nacke, Abteilung Ausbildung, Hauptabteilung Stab, was named commanding officer of the Bereitschaft in Sternbuchholz, replacing Kommandeur Thiele, who becomes the new chief of the weapons specialists' training school in Dobrilugk. Thiele succeeded Kommandeur Buschmann, who has been relieved and placed on indefinite leave status. Chefinspekteur Heinrich Heitsch, former chief of staff of the HVA, is deputy protea for Chefinspekteur von Wesch, head of Hauptabteilung Intendantur, who is currently taking his summer leave. In addition Heitsch, assisted by Inspekteur von Witzleben, former deputy school commandant of the staff school in Kochstedt, is in charge of the so-called Einsatzstab (G-3 equiv.) for the World Youth Festival. Kommandeur Morgenstern is no longer with HVA headquarters, the FDJ secretary for the entire HVA now being Kommissar Bräuderlein. Inspekteur Paul Markgraf has been ill

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23. At the present time, 11,000 uniformed members of the HVA are scheduled to attend the World Youth Festival in August 1951. Their principal contribution to the planned demonstrations will be a display of mass gymnastics. As at Whitsuntide 1950, they will be quartered in tents in the Berlin-Friedrichsfelde camping area, and they will not bring arms heavier than carbines. While in Berlin they will be charged exclusively with police functions, serving as honor formations and performing guard duties of various sorts. It has been tentatively decided to form a 500-man guard unit. The Walter Ulbricht Stadium is to be guarded continuously by an HVA detachment of 300 men. Abteilung Ausbildung has

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drawn up a special training program designed to instruct HVA personnel in the performance of strict police duties, with particular emphasis on blocking off and dispersing large crowds. All personnel not on an active assignment will be required to attend these training courses. To date the commanding officer of the HVA en-campment at the Festival has not been named. Chefinspekteur Heitsch is currently charged only with staff work in preparation for the Festival. It is presently planned to have each Bereitschaft contribute effectives in strength of one Kommando to be composed of the best soldiers, and the 11,000 will be organized as Bereitschaften. A special staff charged with their control will be established.

24. In the course of an HVA political meeting on 31 May 1951 attended by all headquarters personnel and at which Minister of the Interior Steinhoff was guest speaker, Chief of Staff Bechler made the following statements: During the past eight days, American and British officers made 11 attempts to place HVA Objekte under observation. This is indicative of increased efforts on the part of American imperialism to learn more about our People's Police. Until now we have treated them in a friendly fashion and have released them into the custody of our Soviet friends. Should they continue, however, to "push their dirty snouts" into our affairs, we shall be forced to arrest them and give them an opportunity to contribute to our reconstruction work with a shovel in their hands.

25. Three of the four Sovietniks attached to each Bereitschaft are representatives of the three main arms: infantry, artillery, and armored warfare. The fourth Sovietnik represents Polit/Kultur, [ ] possible that he may also be charged with specific security functions. It is not known whether the fourth Sovietnik is, in fact, a member of the MGB. Signal and engineer branches are represented neither on Major General Makarov's staff nor on Sovietnik level.

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25X1A [ ] Comment: Present shortages notwithstanding, the ultimate goal is to have the HVA equipped completely with Soviet weapons.

25X1A [ ] Comment: The exact delineation between functions performed by z.b.V. and "Special Occurrences" is not known, although it is doubted that the latter is a cover unit of the Ministry of State Security.

25X1A [ ] Comment: The HVA has merely adopted the Soviet Army system whereby the artillery is charged administratively with all weapons.

\*\*\* [ ] Comment: In 1950 several Bereitschaften and schools were issued a supply of German-type light and heavy infantry field howitzers for training purposes. It is conceivable that some of this equipment is still located at various VPD's and, in some instances, it may possibly be used in lieu of mortars because of the existing shortage of this type of equipment.

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